



Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy  
Floor Statement  
In Support of Dreamers and H.R.3440, *Dream Act of 2017*  
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Mr. Speaker,

Today I rise in support of Dreamers.

When I was just a baby, my parents brought me to this country because they sought freedom, opportunity, and a better life for our family.

As a parent now, I know how they must have felt, because I too would do anything for my children, no matter the risks.

That parental instinct – to give our children better opportunities than we had—is universal, and powerful.

Dreamers were brought to this country as children by families who sought a better life. They were just kids—and had no role in the decision to leave their native country and have done nothing wrong.

They demonstrate one of our nation’s most basic promises: that the American dream is available to anyone who is willing to work for it.

The President’s decision this week to end DACA will tear families apart.

Worse yet, it punishes children who have done nothing to deserve punishment. It is immoral and wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you bring the DREAM Act to the Floor so we can enact an enduring solution for the 800,000 aspiring Americans who will be hurt by the president’s decision.

Thank you and I yield back.